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The following two reports on observations in the harbor area of Tuapse

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1	A four-page report on observations [REDACTED] Observations include port facilities and merchant vessels. The report contains three sketches and an annotated sketch map of the harbor.	50X1-HUM
2	A four-page report on observations [REDACTED] Observations include the following: a helicopter which made flights daily over the harbor; a jet, which resembled a light bomber, flying in a north-northwest direction; merchant vessels; a possible landing craft, the MORYACHKA; and, port facilities. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] railroad tracks which extended into the fenced area around the Tuapse Machine Plant and were blocked by padlocked gates. The report contains an annotated sketch map of the harbor.	50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

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3. [redacted] there are four berths at the Oil Pier;
there must be at least two more elsewhere in the harbor [redacted]

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4. There was a lighted buoy at one end of the Southeast Breakwater (point A on sketch below); two buoys (points B and C) mark the deepened channel into the harbor. At point H there is a lighted buoy which apparently marks the limit of the deepened water.
5. A dredge was working at point D; it moved aside to permit passage of ships entering the port. At point E there was a floating dry dock made of concrete. [REDACTED] it could hold vessels up to 10-12,000 tons. A 10,000-ton unidentified Soviet tanker was in the dock at the time of observation. 50X1-HUM
6. The following merchant ships were in port:
- An unidentified Soviet vessel, the size of a liberty ship, loading grain (point F).
 - [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
 - The Soviet tankers PAMYATAB and OCHAKOV which departed Tuapse [REDACTED]
 - The Soviet 8-9,000-ton tanker CHERNOVTSY, [REDACTED] seen unloading naptha in Odessa [REDACTED]
 - Six large fishing trawlers with a speed of 10 to 15 knots, left Tuapse [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
 - The Soviet passenger ship ABKHAZIYA arrived in port [REDACTED] It was a vessel of 15-20,000 tons, with a cruiser stern and 12 lifeboats estimated [REDACTED] speed at 18-22 knots. [REDACTED] this could be [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] a passenger ship that made the regular run to Odessa, Tuapse, and Batumi.
7. West of Tuapse harbor, on the cape (point I), is a lighthouse with a searchlight near it. Two to three hundred meters east of this lighthouse, practically on the coast (point J), was a strange-looking object which was like the frame and wheels of a large automobile. Mounted in the middle of this object was a square house like a sentry box (see sketch a. below). Behind this object, at a distance of 500-600 meters (point K), there were, from left to right: a field tent; two two- or three-story wood buildings, identical in size and shape, 40-50 feet high and 20 feet square; and a house (see sketch b.). Five hundred meters behind these buildings (point L) was a steel frame tower 70-100 feet high, with two radar antennas on it (sketch c.). The larger scanner was approximately six feet long and two feet high. The other was somewhat smaller, and appeared to be made of screen mesh. Neither antenna was working at the time of observation.

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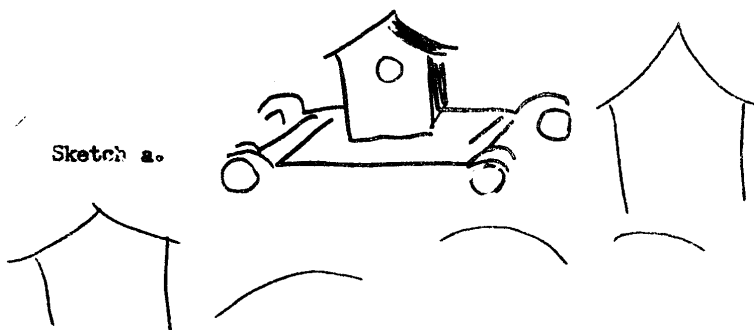
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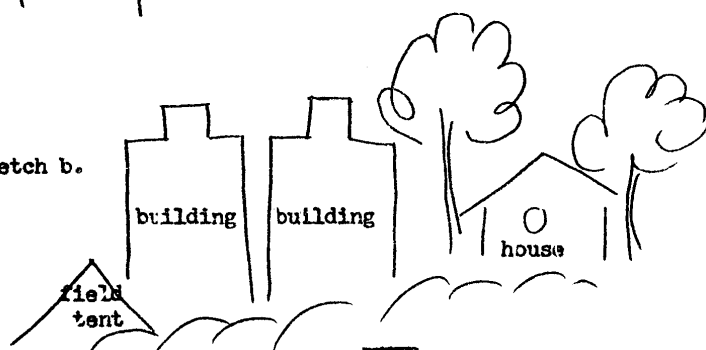
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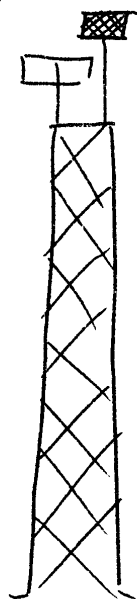
Sketch a.




Sketch b.



Sketch c.



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Observations Made in the Port of Tuapse
and Sighting of Soviet Vessels.

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1. [redacted] a small single-propeller helicopter fly from a spot northwest of the port to a place southeast of the port (points A - B on the sketch below). This occurred three times a day, and the helicopter returned approximately one half hour later.¹ The helicopter making this run was always the same. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
2. [redacted] a jet flying at an altitude of about 10,000 feet in a west-northwest direction. [redacted] the size of a light bomber and having two exhaust trails, swept back wings, and raised elevators on the tail. 50X1-HUM
3. [redacted]
4. [redacted] port controls in Tuapse are much more lax than in Odessa. The inspection group does nothing more than check the crew list and issue shore passes to crew members.
5. The following vessels were in port: 50X1-HUM
 - a. The Soviet vessel MICHURIN which was discharging cargo (point 1 on Sketch below). [redacted] the MICHURIN moved to the Oil Pier for bunker fuel [redacted]

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MICHURIN [] in the Dardanelles, proceeding south at a speed of seven or eight knots. 50X1-HUM

- b. The 8-9,000-ton Soviet tanker TALLIN, undergoing repairs (point 2). 50X1-HUM
- c. The [] freighter [] (point 3) loading machinery and steel for bridge construction. The ship sailed [] for Constanta to load other unspecified cargo [] 50X1-HUM
- d. The Soviet passenger ship ABKHAZIYA arrived in port [] and sailed two hours later. 50X1-HUM
- e. The Soviet cargo vessel OREL was anchored at point 4. The OREL later moved to the Oil Pier for bunkering and then sailed [] 50X1-HUM
The OREL is a Three-Island-type vessel with a riveted hull.
- f. The 2,000-ton Bulgarian tanker MOLOKEYKO was anchored at point 5 [] 50X1-HUM
[] was on a regular run between Varna and Tuapse, the round trip takes five days.
- g. The Soviet tanker MOLODECHNO was in the floating dry dock (point 6). ✓
- h. A tank landing craft, or small LST-type vessel, the MORYACHKA (port of registry Tuapse []) was anchored at point 7. The vessel, which had a civilian crew, was loaded with old bricks and rubble from torn down buildings; it moved to point 8 where it was unloaded by a crane on shore. 50X1-HUM
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- i. A 2,000-ton Soviet tanker, the CTΠb/k (sic) []
- j. A large tug, the NEPTUN, was in port. [] the tug's engines developed 1,200 horsepower.
- k. Two small tugs undergoing repairs on shore (point 9). 50X1-HUM
- l. An old 300-ton barge [] was tied up at point 10. There was no crew on board. Nearby was a new 200-ton oil barge [] 50X1-HUM
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6. A dredge was under repair at point 11. This was the same dredge [] seen in the channel between the two breakwaters [] during the dredging operation the scoops of the dredge had gotten caught in the boom or mast of a sunken ship and the dredge had been damaged. It was expected to resume work a few days later.
7. A freighter of about 6,500 tons appeared to be under construction at point 12. [] from the condition of the steel, which was badly rusted, and the small number of persons working on the ship, [] it must have been under construction for a considerable length of time. 50X1-HUM
8. [] the "wooden sentry-box" mounted on an automobile chassis [] 50X1-HUM (point 13) houses a searchlight. [] at night the light comes from that exact spot. The two radar antennas [] (point 14) were observed again. The larger of the two had a solid scanner and looked like a standard navigational radar. The smaller was like a heavy screen. One of the two wooden buildings [] (point 15) had been removed.
9. Railroad tracks run through the fenced-in area around the Tuapse Machine Plant (point 16); they are blocked by padlocked gates.⁴
10. The Oil Pier has five oil pumps: two for crude oil and three for diesel or fuel oil. There are no bunkering berths at any other point in the harbor except the Oil Pier. The connections to the vessel are approximately eight inches in diameter. [] 50X1-HUM

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12.

the only recreational facility in Tuapse is an amusement park (point 17). There are several types of "rides" in the amusement park, a shooting gallery where each shot costs 25 kopeks, and a dance floor with an admission fee of three rubles.

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13.

the stores in Tuapse well stocked; the quality of the merchandise, however, was poor, and the prices very high.

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14.

There was an inboard motor boat in the harbor, similar to a Chris-Craft. The boat was used as a taxi and the charge, per hour, was 30 rubles.

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15.

the Soviets have a system whereby, if a captain in the Soviet merchant marine is away from the USSR for long periods of time, he can request that his wife be sent to meet him at the first Soviet port he visits. The expenses for such a trip are borne by the state. There was a Soviet captain in port whose wife had met him under this program.

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16.

the 11,000-ton tanker YEGOREVSK (port of registry Odessa) proceeding north to Tuapse from N 43-23, E 36-35; its speed was estimated at about 14 knots.

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17.

a new Soviet ore-carrying vessel of about 11,000 tons. The vessel was sighted outside of the Dardanelles travelling north at a speed of 15 to 16 knots. All accommodations for the crew were aft.

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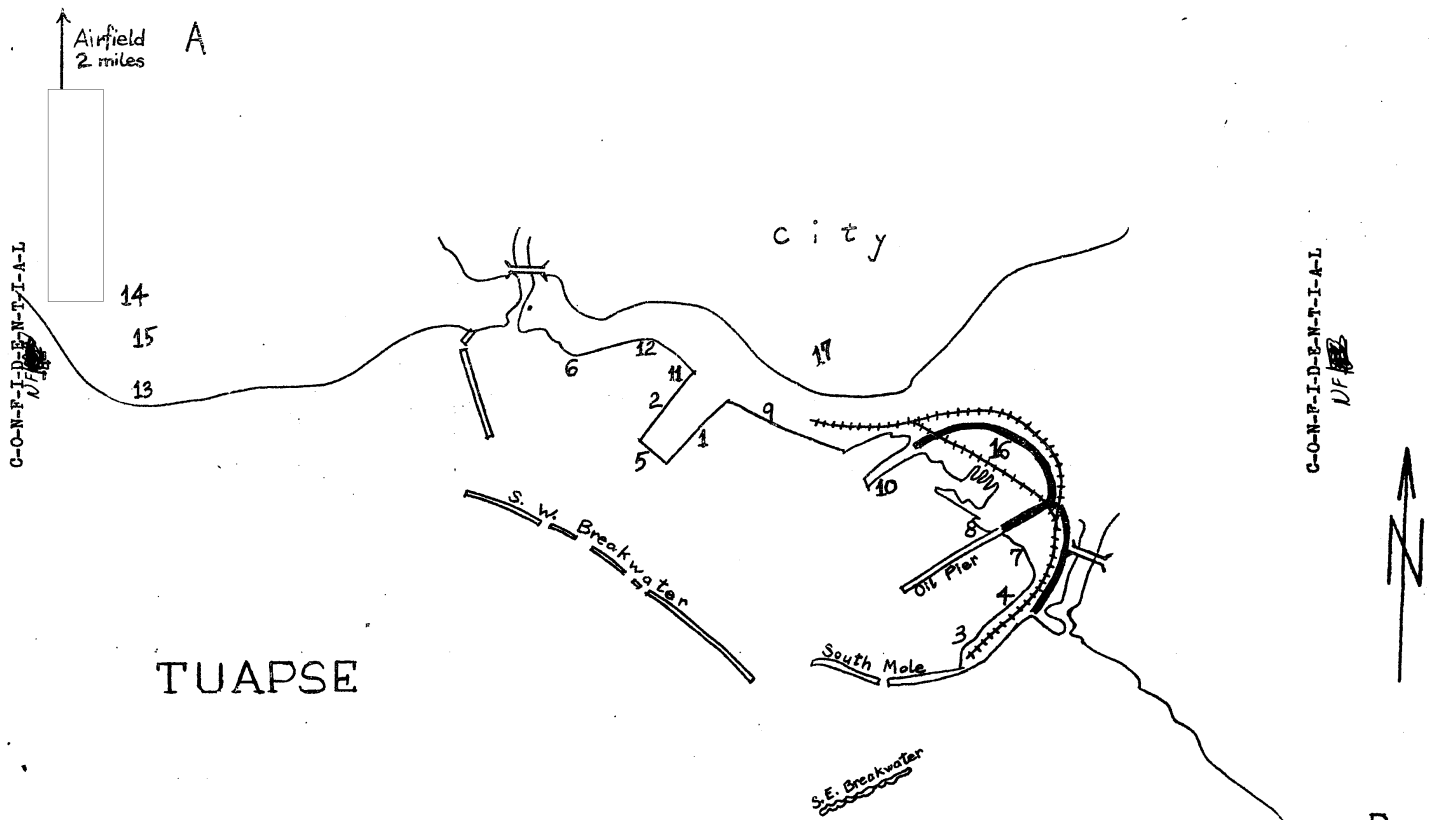
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5. No indication was given of the length of time a captain had to be absent before his wife could qualify under this program.

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